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Consumer Price Index – August 2013

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.9% from August 2012. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.1% for Canada, 1.2% for Edmonton and 2.1% for Whitehorse.

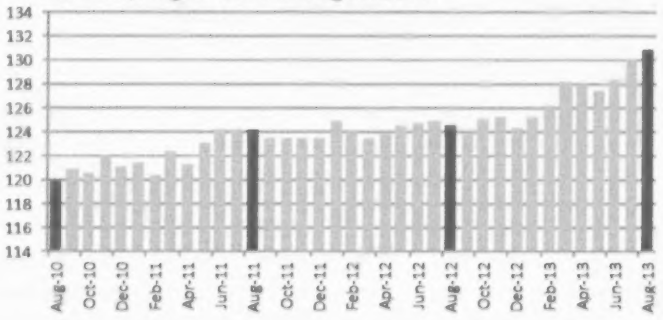
All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	13-Aug	13-Jul	12-Aug	13-Jul	12-Aug	12-Sep 13-Aug	11-Sep 12-Aug	% Change
Yellowknife	126.6	126.5	124.3	0.1	1.9	125.5	123.8	1.4
Whitehorse	124.1	124.0	121.5	0.1	2.1	122.1	120.1	1.7
Canada	123.1	123.1	121.8	-	1.1	122.4	121.3	0.9
Edmonton	129.4	129.5	127.9	-0.1	1.2	128.5	127.1	1.1

Compared to August 2012, consumer prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components with the exception of household operations & furnishings and health & personal care. The highest price increases over the last 12 months were for food (5.1%) and transportation (3.0%).

While Yellowknife food prices remained relatively stable in 2011 and 2012, they have trended upward since the start of 2013. Since December 2012, food prices have increased 6 of the last 8 months.

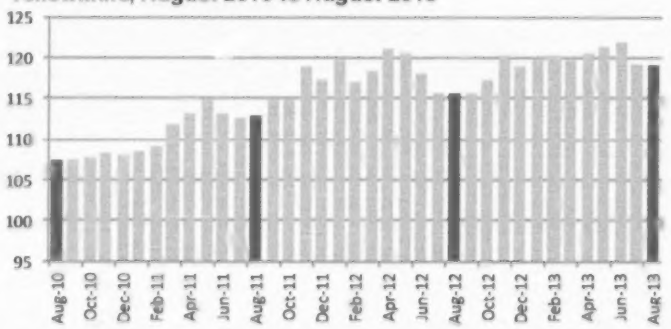
CPI - Food
Yellowknife, August 2010 to August 2013



In contrast, transportation prices continued their decline from their peak experienced in June, decreasing 0.2% between July and August 2013.

Overall, Yellowknife prices increased 0.1% from last month.

CPI - Transportation
Yellowknife, August 2010 to August 2013



CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	13-Aug	13-Jul	12-Aug	% Change from 13-Jul	% Change from 12-Aug
All Items	126.6	126.5	124.3	0.1	1.9
Food	130.8	130.0	124.5	0.6	5.1
Food from Stores	129.5	128.9	123.2	0.5	5.1
Food from Restaurants	134.4	132.9	128.0	1.1	5.0
Shelter	146.5	146.6	144.8	-0.1	1.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	189.9	189.9	187.6	-	1.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.8	110.6	111.5	0.2	-0.6
Household Operations	119.9	119.6	118.7	0.3	1.0
Household Furnishings	92.4	92.3	95.7	0.1	-3.4
Clothing & Footwear	99.7	99.0	97.2	0.7	2.6
Clothing	92.1	91.3	90.5	0.9	1.8
Footwear	96.3	95.6	95.2	0.7	1.2
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	142.0	142.0	131.0	-	8.4
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.3	110.0	108.8	-0.6	0.5
Transportation	119.1	119.3	115.6	-0.2	3.0
Private Transportation	117.3	117.4	115.2	-0.1	1.8
Public Transportation	129.5	130.1	119.8	-0.5	8.1
Health & Personal Care	117.4	118.3	117.6	-0.8	-0.2
Health Care	117.5	117.4	116.9	0.1	0.5
Personal Care	118.3	119.9	119.1	-1.3	-0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	103.5	103.6	103.1	-0.1	0.4
Recreation	100.9	101.0	100.6	-0.1	0.3
Education & Reading	119.4	119.4	118.2	-	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	159.0	159.3	155.4	-0.2	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages	145.1	145.6	142.1	-0.3	2.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	172.5	172.5	168.2	-	2.6
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Food	125.8	125.8	124.1	-	1.4
Energy	121.6	121.5	119.1	0.1	2.1
Shelter	118.3	118.2	115.8	0.1	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages	126.2	126.1	123.9	0.1	1.9
Tobacco Products	125.6	125.5	123.3	0.1	1.9
Housing (1986 Definition)	136.4	136.3	135.0	0.1	1.0
Energy and Its Components:					
Energy	183.4	183.3	182.9	0.1	0.3
Electricity	175.5	175.5	167.7	-	4.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	251.0	251.0	260.5	-	-3.6
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	158.4	158.3	158.3	0.1	0.1
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rec'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada